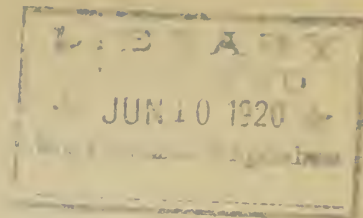


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The following deductions were made by the editor of the Farm Journal from an interview with the Honorable Edwin T. Meredith, Secretary of Agriculture:

"What is needed more than anything else is appreciation of the good work of the Department of Agriculture. Any one who neglects to cooperate with Department workers - county agents, extension workers, or what not - is putting a stick into the machinery."

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COUNTY AND HOME DEMONSTRATION AGENTS' MEETINGS ETC.
COLLEGE SHORT COURSES AND FAIRS BY STATES.

ALABAMA.

The Woman's State Short Course will be held at Auburn during the first week in August. This meeting is especially for the housewives of the State. Miss Wessling is urged to attend and Miss Powell will be present and give an illustrated lecture on standardization of home canned products which will include demonstrations in preserving of fruits and jelly making.

At the Polytechnic Institute at Auburn a summer session of six weeks, beginning June 7, will be held for the benefit of teachers, college students, and demonstration agents.

A State short course for the home demonstration club girls will be held at Montevallo, Technical Institute from June 7 to 12.

Mr. I. W. Hill will be engaged in important work in South Alabama during the week beginning June 21. Mr. C. L. Chambers will also visit Tuscaloosa and other points in this State.

Cooperation among the dairymen has caused Autauga County to build up a big dairying industry in the county. The cooperative bull club is now being organized through the efforts of County Agent J. B. Mitchell, Jr. A fund has been raised to buy four of the finest Jersey bulls in the South.

The Alabama State fair will be held at Birmingham, October 4 to 9.

ARKANSAS.

The farmers and farm women will hold a second annual summer short course at the university, Fayetteville, August 17 to 20. Dr. Bradford Knapp is deeply interested in obtaining the services of Mr. Livingston, Chief of the Bureau of Markets, for a demonstrative lecture on cotton grading. Mr. I. O. Schaub and Mr. O. B. Martin will also attend this meeting, and Mr. Martin will go from there to attend the Farm Congress at Oklahoma City.

A short course will be held for the club boys and girls at Russellville in the district agricultural school, beginning July 5. Miss Mary Keown is requested to be present.

On August 10 to 13 a negro farm congress will be held at the Branch Normal School at Pine Bluff.

A district agricultural fair will be held at Texarkana - the district comprising eleven counties of Arkansas and three of Texas. The date is still unknown but we are assured it will not conflict in any way with the Shreveport, Dallas and Clarksville fair dates.

The 1920 Johnson County fair will be held from October 12 to 16.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

The resignation of Miss Mary Keown, effective June 1, is deeply regretted throughout the Office of Extension Work South. Miss Keown has become one of the secretaries of association of manufacturers of various kinds of household equipments. The object of her new work is to establish an educational service bureau. Miss Keown still retains her interest in the Office of Extension Work South which is proven by the fact that she will still fulfil her engagements for the extension workers.

Miss Madge Reese attended the New York Dairy Show put on at the Grand Central Palace, New York City, the week of May 17 to study the exhibits, while in the city

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she visited many health and child welfare organizations and also attended the child's health conference.

Mr. Frants P. Lund, home demonstration worker, sailed for France, May 25. From Paris he will proceed as directed by the Department of Agriculture and continue the instructions in home canning begun last year - concentrating his labors at the different agricultural schools which the professors attended last year. Before Mr. Lund left for France he and Mr. Martin had an interesting visit from Mr. Lorensen, the agricultural attache of the Danish Legation. Mr. Lorensen was a county agent in Denmark for many years and has also traveled over a great part of Russia, his varied experiences made his interest in the home demonstration work the more gratifying to this office.

The Bureau of Animal Industry has postponed until fall the extensive demonstration in butchering which was to have been held at the Beltsville Farm, June 14. Representatives from all the Southern States will receive in the fall the same instructions in the process of meat canning, and Miss Powell will arrange for special instructions in the cooking and curing of meat by the steam pressure outfit to be given in the fall as before planned.

The notice from Dr. C. B. Smith of the Office of Extension Work North and West of the conference of farm management demonstrators to be held here in Washington June 15 to 22 has been duly noted by this office.

On account of the cotton blister mite which has appeared in Porto Rico the Secretary of Agriculture has given notice of a public hearing to be held at the Department of Agriculture, room 11, Federal Horticultural Board, at 10 o'clock a. m. June 29. Steps towards quarantine will be taken.

Miss Ola Powell, assistant in home demonstration work, may possibly attend the meeting of the American Home Economics Association held at Colorado Springs June 24 to 29.

Benefit will accrue to all the Southern States in which the following field stations will be opened by the Bureau of Markets June 1 for the assistance of the growers and shippers of fruit and vegetables. The stations are located as follows: Crystal Springs, Mississippi; Ocala, Florida; Washington, North Carolina; Charleston, South Carolina and Fort Valley, Georgia.

Good results are expected from the holding of demonstrations on the building of septic tanks by the county agents on the farms in a number of States.

Secretary Meredith became a true club patron when he recently purchased some Poland China sows for his fourteen year old son.

The Office of Extension Work South has been a leader in arranging for the International Club Judging Contest for the club boys which will be held at the Southeastern Fair at Atlanta, Georgia, October 18 to 23. A team of three contestants consisting of the agricultural club members, under the supervision of the extension division of the State represented and the United States Department of Agriculture, can enter from any State of the Union. Apply to the superintendent of the contest or his representative for all rules and regulations governing the contest. "The agent or leader in charge of club work of each State represented by a judging team shall file five days prior to date of contest with the superintendent of the International Club Judging Contest an authoritative statement covering the eligibility of each club member in his team." Twelve rings of livestock shall be judged: Cattle Hereford, Angus, Shorthorn, Jersey, Holstein and Guernsey; Hogs - Duroc-Jerseys, Poland China, Berkshire and Hampshire; Sheep - Southdown and Shropshire. Prizes - highest scoring team, a free trip to the Royal Live Stock Show, London, England; highest scoring contestant, a free trip to Royal Live Stock Show, London, England; free trips to State club leader, represented by winning team; agent represented by club member making highest score; Washington office club official whose territory is represented by winning team and the highest scoring contestant. All expenses of this trip to London will be borne by the Southeastern Fair Association.

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FLORIDA.

The club camp of Santa Rosa County will be held at Floridatown from June 16 to 19.

District agent E. R. Strahan is doing good work in the interest of farm bureaus. Mr. Jas. W. Morton president of the Georgia farm bureau and executive committeeman for the Southern region attended a meeting held at Gainesville on April 22 for the organization of a farm bureau in this State.

The Florida State Fair and Exposition will be held at Jacksonville, August 23 to 28.

GEORGIA.

Miss Creswell has decided not to hold the State district meetings but instead she will have a girls' short course in June about a week after the close of the regular college work.

A summer short course will be held at the college during July and extending into August.

J. G. Oliver of Athens has been made the State secretary for the Farm Bureau Federation.

"A farm bureau office has been opened in Atlanta through the cooperation of the State college of agriculture and the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce. Mr. M. C. Gay, former field agent in marketing for Georgia is at its head."

Miss Madge Reese has been invited to come to this State to help county and home demonstration agents plan educational milk exhibits which will be put on at the State and county fairs next fall.

County Agent H. L. Worsham of Monroe County has already enrolled 134 boys and girls in agricultural clubs this spring and the number is still increasing.

The Southeastern Fair will be held at Atlanta October 16 to 26 and as stated in the District of Columbia items the Interstate National Club Judging Contest will be the great feature.

The Tri-State Exposition will be held at Savannah November 8 to 13.

The Georgia State Fair will be held at Macon October 26 to November 5.

KENTUCKY.

A meeting of the Henderson County Fruit Growers Association will be held at Henderson September 6 and 7. Mr. E. A. Miller has been invited to attend.

Geoffrey Morgan who has for years been deeply interested in extension work in this State has been appointed State secretary of the farm bureau organization.

The State fair will be held at Louisville September 13 to 18.

LOUISIANA.

Mr. W. C. Abbott, State agent in club work and Mr. C. H. Staple, dairy specialist, in cooperation with the school authorities are planning to take 200 club boys through the States of Illinois, Wisconsin, and possibly Minnesota and Iowa, visiting each agricultural college and observing the up-to-date farms - even visiting for a day the stock yards in Chicago. The object of the trip is to give these boys "a vision of the possibilities along agricultural lines."

The boys' pig club members making the best record for the year will be awarded five pigs by Mr. H. F. Cassell agent in Tangipahoa Parish.

The home demonstration agents are distributing bell pepper plants to the canning club girls through the supervision of Professor Tiebout of the State experiment station. These plants are to be kept separate in the gardens and some of the best seed from them sent back to the experiment station for seed for another year.

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LOUISIANA. (Cont'd)

The date of the Farm Congress for this State has not yet been received.

The State fair of Louisiana will be held at Shreveport October 18 to November 7.

MARYLAND.

Dr. Symons, director of extension for this State notifies us as follows:

The first girls' camp under supervision of the home demonstration department of the Maryland agricultural extension service, and in direct charge of the respective county home demonstration agents will be held at the Shiloh Camp Grounds, Dorchester County, June 15, 16, and 17. Miss Frances G. Stuart, county home demonstration agent, arranged this camp and similar camps will soon be organized in the counties of Washington, Carroll, Kent, and Queen Anne. The program will include recreation and educational features, closing with a free clinic conducted by Dr. Jones the county physician and Miss Morris, the visiting nurse. Fifty or sixty girls will attend this camp. The speakers on this occasion are Miss Venia M. Kellar, State home demonstration agent and Miss Alice S. Jones with others.

Miss Madge Reese of the Office of Extension Work South, has been invited to take part in the educational milk campaign at Hagerstown, July 11.

Mr. G. R. Cobb, county agent of Wicomico County has succeeded in interesting farmers in forming a cooperative grading and shipping organization.

The State fair of Maryland will be held at Timonium, August 31 to September 6: Secretary Wm. B. Kemp, Sparks.

There will also be a State fair held at Laurel, date not yet determined. President H. A. Johnson. Other inter-county and county fairs will be held.

MISSISSIPPI.

The annual agents' meeting will be held at the agricultural college from July 20 to 30, inclusive. Mr. J. A. Evans has been requested to be present on the opening day.

The new methods for poisoning boll weevils has caused many farmers to become again interested in growing cotton.

In order that the farmers may know the officers elected at the Mississippi Livestock Feeders Association the names are given as follows: President, John Anderson, Flora; Vice-president, J. J. King, Swan Lake; Secretary, D. J. Griswold, Agricultural College.

The Mississippi-Alabama fair will be held at Meridian October 11 to 16.

The Mississippi State fair will be held at Jackson October 18 to 23.

NORTH CAROLINA.

The farmers' and farm women's convention will be held at Raleigh August 24, 25, 26. Secretary Meredith of the Department of Agriculture will head the list of speakers. Great emphasis will be placed on exhibits and demonstrations.

The School and conference for agents will be held at Greensboro, June 7 to 19. Mr. Linderman of the college for women will take an active part. Mr. O. B. Martin and Miss Ola Powell of this office are urged to attend.

A short course in home economics will be held at the North Carolina College for women at Greensboro from June 9 to July 21. Total cost of six weeks course will be \$42.00.

The North Carolina Forestry Association will hold a meeting at Asheville, June 9 and 10.

The annual convention of the North Carolina Good Roads Association meets at Asheville from June 16 to 18 inclusive.

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NORTH CAROLINA. (Cont'd)

An animal club encampment for the boys and girls of Transylvania County will be held at Brevard Institute July 29, 30, 31. Mr. I. W. Hill requested to attend.

The Better Bread Contest idea originated with Mrs. Winn of Lincoln County and already seven counties have followed in giving useful instruction.

The North Carolina Sheep Breeders and Wool Growers' Association will hold three cooperative auction sales this summer at Asheville, Greensboro, and Washington. Messrs. George Evans and Charles Jones of Raleigh will furnish any information desired.

Mr. I. W. Hill is requested to be present at the encampments to be held in the district of Mr. James M. Gray at the following places:

Avery County	Cranberry	July 14, 15, 16.
Swain, Jackson, Graham Counties...	Cherokee Indian School ...	" 19, 20, 21.
Madison County	Marshall	" 22, 23, 24.
Buncombe "	Biltmore	" 26, 27, 28.
Transylvania "	Brevard	" 29, 30, 31.

OKLAHOMA.

The annual summer meeting of the agents and State Farm Congress will be held at Oklahoma City August 23 to 27. Mr. J. A. Evans, Chief of this office will make an address and Mr. I. W. Hill is asked to attend and to "present club work to the County Superintendent section of the Farm Congress."

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Miss Madge Reese of this office has made plans with the fair officials and representatives of the extension service and milk dealers of the place for an extensive educational milk and dairy product exhibit which will be put on at the Oklahoma Free State Fair October 4 to 9: Secretary J. W. Hutchings.

The 14th annual Oklahoma State Fair and Exposition will be held at Oklahoma City September 25 to October 2, inclusive: Officers, president, J. F. Warren; vice-president, J. M. Owen.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

The summer school will be held at Clemson College from June 14 to July 24, inclusive. A course in cotton grading will be an important feature.

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The short course for women and girls will be held at Rockhill, Winthrop College from June 4 to 11. Mr. J. A. Evans, of this office will address the college girls on the morning of June 11. Mr. O. B. Martin, also of this office will make an address.

The Winthrop summer school at Rockhill will hold courses in social service and community work June 14 to July 23.

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SOUTH CAROLINA. (Cont'd)

Dillon County is organizing a county fair association looking forward to holding a fair this year.

A short course for boys' club members will be held at Clemson College for ten days during the latter part of June and the first and second prize winners will have their expenses paid by the college for this course.

Mention has already been made of the series of meetings of the woman's council to be held during June and July by Miss Forney the dairy specialist.

TENNESSEE.

Secretary Meredith has accepted an invitation to speak at Peabody College, Nashville, the third week in June. This will be the closing of the spring session and opening of the summer quarter, therefore an appropriate time for a word from the Secretary.

Great success is predicted for the short courses for club girls to be held in the following counties:

Knox County, University of Tennessee June 15, 16, 17.

Jefferson County, Carson-Newman College " 28, 29, 30.

Monroe County, Hiwassee College July 6, 7, 8.

Green County, Tusculum College " 14, 15, 16.

Miss Madge Reese has been invited to visit Tennessee the latter part of June or July and help the State extension workers and the fair associations to plan educational milk exhibits which will be put on at the Chattanooga Interstate Fair, Tri-State Fair, Memphis, and State fairs at Nashville and Knoxville. Miss Reese has already been notified that her services will be needed in time for the fairs.

To win a certificate in club work and make a report for four successive years will gain a club boy a certificate which will count for a unit should he enter the university. The first boys to receive certificates of this nature are Everett Rippetoe, Willie Buck, and Elton Richardson.

The Chattanooga Interstate Fair will be held at Chattanooga October 2 to 9.

The Tri-State Fair will be held at Memphis September 25 to October 2.

The Tennessee State Fair will be held at Nashville September 20 to 25.

TEXAS.

Mr. J. A. Evans has accepted an invitation to be present at the farmers' short course held at the A. and M. College August 2 to 7, inclusive. Mr. Walton and Miss Neale are planning to have the home demonstration agents meet at the same time.

A change of date in the farmers' short course will cause the Texas farm boys' special to leave Texas on August 7 instead of July 31 as first planned. A full account of this plan made by the A. and M. College and the Texas Chamber of Commerce to conduct, at the close of the farmers' short course and agents' meeting, in a special car about 150 boys on a tour of education and investigation through the agricultural portions of eighteen Central West, Northern, and Southern States - a distance of 4,000 miles - was given in full in the May issue of "First Aid."

A congress under the supervision of the negro extension workers of Texas will be held at Prairie View August 17 to 19 inclusive. A boys' and girls' encampment will be held in connection with this Congress.

The State Council of Agriculture was organized on December 12, 1919 at Waco. President John T. Orr, Dallas; vice-president, W. B. Lowery, Harris County; Secretary H. L. McKnight, Nacogadoches; an executive committee with T. O. Walton, Director of Extension ex officio as one of the members.

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TEXAS. (Cont'd)

The Texas Cotton Palace Exposition will be held at Waco October 30 to November 14.
The Texas State Fair will be held at Dallas October 9 to 24. Sec. E. H. Stratton.

VIRGINIA.

A State short course will be held at Blacksburg July 26 to 31 for the boys' club prize winners.

The Farmers' Institute will be held at Blacksburg the first week in August.

A short course for home demonstration agents is being planned at Blacksburg for some time during June.

The annual farmers conference will be held at Hampton June 22 to 25 inclusive. Four hundred teachers are attending the summer school at this time.

Miss Madge Reese is invited to Blacksburg to help in the instructions at a short course given for prospective and new county home demonstration agents.

A special course in judging club work will be given during the State short course at Blacksburg the last week of July and county agents should arrange to send the probable members of their team to the State short course for special training.

Special notice is made of the fact that Mrs. M. M. Davis, former Assistant State agent has been appointed State home demonstration agent to succeed Miss Ella G. Agnew, who resigned to take part in the Y. M. C. A. work.

"Messrs. Reuben Brigham and C. H. Hanson of the Editorial Division spent May 6 to 8 inclusive, in Manassas and Orange, Virginia, securing photographs of the arrival and distribution of a carload of dairy calves brought from Michigan by Mr. Frank A. Buchanan, dairy husbandman, of the Virginia extension service. Other photographs showing how the local club members care for and manage their calves will probably be taken as the season advances."

The State Fair will be held at Richmond on October 4 to 14. The great feature of the fair will be the State loaf bread contest.

WEST VIRGINIA.

At Morgantown, June 18, four hundred boys and girls, club members of the different States, will attend the Prize Winners Course. The Pageant will be held on the same day.

The following tentative dates of farmers' institutes were received from Mr. Nat T. Frame, State director of agricultural extension.

July 19 - 24 Kanawha County.

" 26 - Hampshire "

August 2 - 4 Wirt "

The following tentative camp schedule dates were also sent by Mr. Frame.

June 14 - 19 .. State 4-H Camp and prize winners' course, Morgantown.

July 5 - 10 .. State training camp..... Harrison.

August 23 - 28 .. Tri-State 4-H Camp (Maryland, Virginia, W. Virginia) Grottoes, V.

July 12 - 17 .. Counties, Logan, Webster and Preston.

" 19 - 24 .. " Wayne, Cabell, Barbour and Marion.

" 26 - 31 .. " Fayette, Braxton and Jackson.

The annual farmers' picnic will be held in Berkeley County June 10. The presence of Dr. A. C. True, Director of the States Relations Service will add much to the occasion.

Miss Madge Reese of this office is invited to give a demonstration on milk products and the use of cottage cheese at the annual picnic of the Harrison County farm women's clubs August 11.

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